

being able to justify the increasing in health care premiums, I know what has happened in the industry the last few years. Businesses want to try and cut their costs or cut the increasing costs in health care premiums. And so that is why managed care has been so successful. It has limited the cost, but in a lot of cases we are also seeing a limit in the ability of the service to the people that are supposed to be served, the employees or the patients.

Hopefully, our managed care reform legislation will give patients a greater range of medical options instead of restricting them. Managed care originally was an ideal program to say patients will have other options, they will have wellness care, for example. Because, again, it is much better to provide immunizations and provide checkups on an annual basis before there is a need. Checkups catch things like diabetes, and that is what managed care was originally about.

There are a lot of great managed care plans in our country. What we need to do, again on a congressional level, is provide some guidelines for managed care companies to live by. If they are licensed by the State with State regulations, then the State can take care of that. But also on the Federal level, and that is our job as Members of Congress. Let us provide patients with options to make the right choice for their health care, at the same time being mindful of the cost considerations of employers and people who have to pay those premiums.

Mr. Speaker, I know that is the important part and I would hope tonight that during this managed care reform discussion in the Congress over the next few months, that will be one of the issues we deal with.

OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1998

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 927. An act to reauthorize the Sea Grant Program.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. MICA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of traveling with the President concerning the violent tornadoes in his district.

Mr. LUTHER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family matters in the district.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York for 5 minutes today.

Mr. ALLEN for 5 minutes today.

Mr. BERRY for 5 minutes today.

Mr. SERRANO for 5 minutes today.

Ms. NORTON for 5 minutes today.

Mr. LAMPSON for 5 minutes today.

Mr. SHERMAN for 5 minutes today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois for 5 minutes today.

Mr. GREEN for 5 minutes today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. THUNE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SHAYS for 5 minutes on March 3.

Mr. THUNE for 5 minutes today.

Mr. HAYWORTH for 5 minutes today.

Mr. DUNCAN for 5 minutes today.

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma for 5 minutes today.

Mr. LIVINGSTON for 5 minutes today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan for 5 minutes today.

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky for 5 minutes today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. CLYBURN.

Mr. CARDIN.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. MARKEY.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

Ms. STABENOW.

Mr. FILNER.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. RUSH.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. THUNE) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. SMITH of Oregon.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. PAUL.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

Mr. COBURN.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. GREEN) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. SHUSTER.

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ.

Mr. GILLMOR.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Mr. STOKES.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found

truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker.

S. 916. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building".

S. 985. An act to designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry Doby Post Office".

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 26, 1998, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7483. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting notification that the Commander of Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, has conducted a cost comparison to reduce the cost of operating communications functions, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on National Security.

7484. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting notification that the Commander of Edwards Air Force Base, California, has conducted a cost comparison to reduce the cost of operating base supply functions, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on National Security.

7485. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Regulations Governing Book-Entry Federal Home Loan Bank Securities [No. 98-03] (RIN: 3069-AA54) received February 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7486. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Administrative Reporting Exemptions for Certain Radionuclide Releases [FRL-5970-8] (RIN: 2050-AD46) received February 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7487. A letter from the Acting Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Labeling: Health Claims; Soluble Fiber From Certain Foods and Coronary Heart Disease [Docket No. 96P-0338] received February 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7488. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Polymers [Docket No. 96F-0477] received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7489. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration,